

Christmas tree, community spirit equals a tradition

Start with an old-fashioned Christmas tree, add a little community spirit and, lo and behold, a new tradition may begin. These activities are taking place in Mishicot, at the building being restored for the Historical Museum. Restoration takes a long time and as the committee worked in their building, they thought of it as home. Last year, they decided to decorate a real tree. With Lyle Anderson donating the tree and several others the manpower to cut it down and get it into a stand at the museum, the first hurdle was accomplished. The tree is 14 feet tall and reaches the ceiling. It is about 11 feet wide and you can just imagine how many decorations had to be gathered.

George Schmidt, chairman of the Thematic Committee of MAGIC, has a collection of old-fashioned ornaments and lights which he offered. Others came forward and soon the next problem was how to decorate in those hard to reach places.

That's where a friend of Schmidt's, Craig Nichols of the New

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can phone 755-2076 for a special appointment.

Assisting with the decorations are George Schmidt, Delmar and Lila Dvorak, Gale Kronforst, Jack and Carol Ronning, Lloyd and Marcella Straka, Grace Schleis and Ruth Zarling.

An invitation is extended to you, to take a few minutes from the rush of Christmas preparation, to reminisce with us about Christmas in earlier times.

News from Holy Cross Parish regarding the schedule of masses is as follows: Dec. 23, Saturday: 4:30 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 25, Christmas Eve: 4:30



A large Christmas tree, donated labor and plenty of donated ornaments could lead to a new holiday tradition in the Mishicot Historical Museum.

Donated photos



Reach Co, Inc. of Green Bay entered the picture. He offered the use of a Strato-Lift, a small size construction lift. The huge tree needs several dozen sets of lights; but in addition, the traditional, real wax candles, in their antique clips, will adorn the tree. Permission was given by the Village Board to have a brief lighting of these candles. Wonder how many people actually remember seeing lighted candles on a tree?

With the cooperation of Ken Baroun of the O.H. Schultz Elementary School, students began stringing cranberry and popcorn garlands. As you view the old ornaments, you discover that what was 40 cents a dozen in the Sears Roebuck catalog in 1905, now sells for \$1 each. The old-fashioned ornaments range in size from very tiny to very large. There are birds that light, Santa's bubble lights, glittering stars, fluorescent lights, and beautiful ornaments made in Germany. Ornaments that are truly collector items sell for \$40 to \$100 each.

Using antique cookie cutters, Marcella Straka, Carol Ronning and Grace Schleis have been busy baking old-fashioned cookies. Some will be hung on the tree and others will be served along with hot cider.

In the true Christmas spirit, an effort to share a glimpse of this tree with others is being planned. On Thursday, Dec. 21, the Museum building will open at 6 p.m. The official lighting is set for 7 p.m. Christmas carols will be sung. This MAGIC Christmas Open House will continue on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. You

a.m.; Dec. 21, Christmas Eve: 10 and 11 p.m.; Dec 25, Christmas Day: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

A large amount of canned goods has been collected recently for TREP by the Boy Scouts and the students and teachers of Holy Cross. The parish participated in the donation of gifts by selecting a numbered star from the "Givng Stable" and returning a gift for that individual. At the potluck supper held by the Alter Society, a collection of canned goods was also taken for those in need.

At Holy Cross Schol, the students and teachers gathered each Monday morning at 8 a.m. in the church for an Advent prayer service. Candles were lighted in the advent wreath and as they build a Jesse tree, they learned about their Christian heritage.

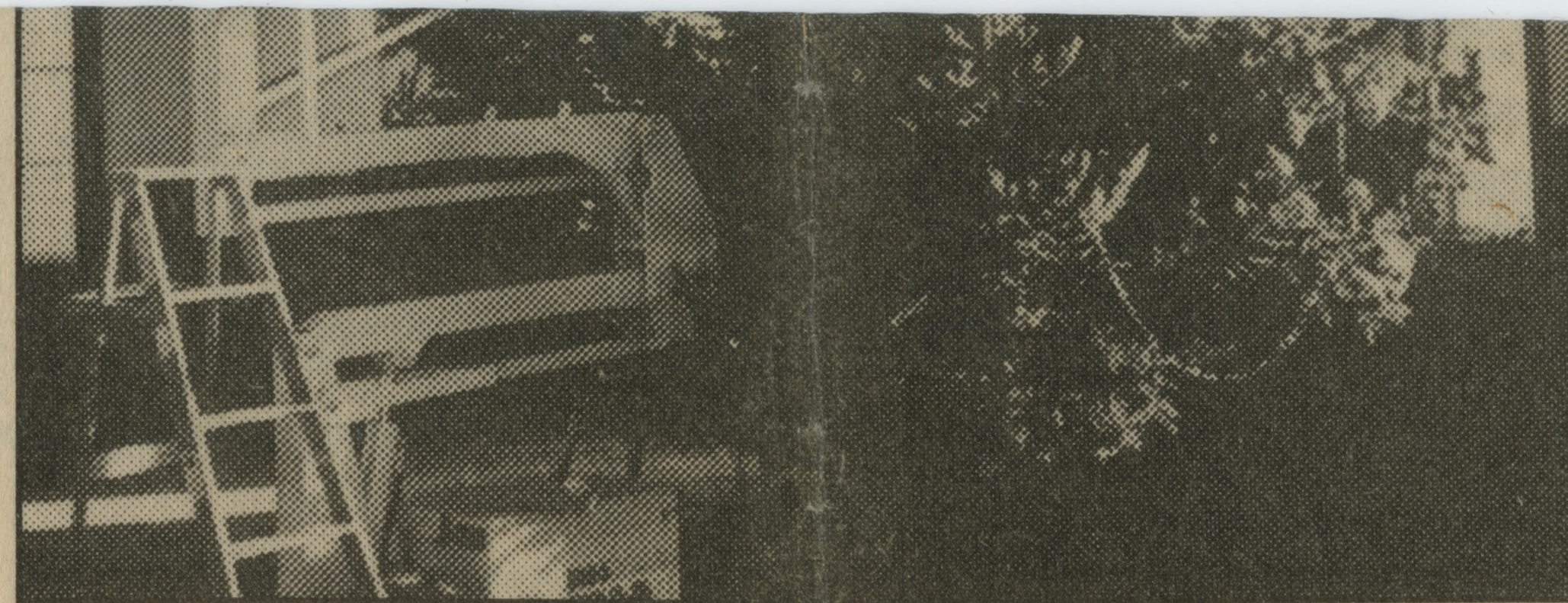
The following students are to be congratulated for attaining a 3.5 or better grade point average for the first quarter of the 189-90 school year at Holy Cross:

Grade 8 — Connie Bakus, David Biely, Heather Ei, Christy Englebert, Paul Henricson, Jamie Lambert, Jenny Matthis, Brenda Nejedlo, Tony Reich, Chd Shimek, Kari Stodola.

Grade 7 — Stephanie Ecker.

Grade 6 — Becky Bely, Steve Bohman, Sarah Fictum, Jake Funk, Stephanie Hurley, David Kopidlansky, Michael Neuser, Joe Stodola, and Cassie Wagner.

The basketball season isn't full swinging. If you would like to attend a game, the 7th and 8th grade boys will be playing at Mishicot High School gym on Jan. 7. The game is at 11 a.m. and Holy Cross will play



Francis Creek. The Little Hoopers game is at noon and also will be with Francis Creek. The 5th and 6th grade girls will play at Brillion on January 6th. Their game is at 12 noon in the old Brillion gym vs. St. Anne of Francis Creek. The 7th and 8th grade girls will play at Two Rivers Community House on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. That game will be with TRCC.

As soon as the snow starts to fall, you can visualize sled dog competitions. John Wessely and his dog, Silver Chief, of Silver Chief Kennels in Mishicot recently competed in a Sled Dog Weight Pull held at the Fawn Supper Club. This was his third straight title and the 99 pound Alaskan Malamute successfully pulled 1,500 pounds for the win. There were 36 top contenders from around the state, competing for prizes and dog food.

Speaking about dogs, what started out as a FFA project for our youngest son about five years ago, was finally completed. We have purebred collies and he wanted to raise a litter. Our female apparently had fertility problems and, even with an attempt at artificial in-

semination, nothing happened. We purchased another female and this time we got a litter of nine. The whole experience was new to us, but we soon discovered puppies have a way of winning your heart. As we sold them to people as far away as Illinois, it was almost as if we were placing a foster child. It was gratifying to see them going to people who would appreciate them and give them a good home.

If you have any news to share, please call me at 755-2148 or drop a note to 2410 Benzinger Road, Mishicot, WI 54228.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is a pleasure to write this column and also to hear from so many of you. In March, it will be two years since the column began.



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